

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are currently amended, with Claims 1, 3, 4, and 6 being amended.

Reconsideration and reexamination of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Examiner objected to the drawings for including reference not mentioned in the description, and more specifically to Figs. 7-10 for containing language inconsistent with the specification. Applicants note that certain numerical references were inadvertently let out of the specification with respect to certain drawings. Applicants have amended the specification as well as submit herewith corrected drawings (Figs. 7-10) to correct the aforementioned errors. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully submit that the drawings and the specification as amended comply with formal requirements.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-4 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the Roland VS-1680 Owner's Manual ("Roland"). This rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to the amended claims.

The present invention is directed to a digital mixer having, *inter alia*, a parameter control that selectively changes either a parameter value displayed at a cursor position of a display, or an assigned parameter value amongst a plurality of parameter values for a given input channel. The parameter controller, in response to an operation of the increase/decrease control, changes the parameter values of an input channel only upon the determination that a selection switch of the input channel is being operated (shown as Step S36 in Fig. 10 of the present application). If, on the other hand, the selection switch is not operated at the same time the increase/decrease control is operated, then the parameter control changes only the value of a parameter displayed at a cursor position (see Step S36 in Fig. 10).

Roland does not contain any disclosure or suggestion of a parameter control that selectively adjusts different parameter values depending on whether a selection switch of a given input channel is operated at the same time. Rather, the “Change the Setting Values,” as referenced in page 35 of Roland teaches that the value of a parameter displayed at the cursor position is always changed in response to a user operation of the level control, regardless of whether a selection switch on an input channel is concurrently operated. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1-4 and 6 are not anticipated by, nor obvious in view of, Roland.

The Examiner rejected Claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roland in view of Hugley (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0144997 A1). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 5 depends from Claim 4. As discussed above, Roland does not contain any disclosure or suggestion of a parameter control that selectively adjusts different parameter values depending on whether a selection switch of a given input channel is operated at the same time. Hugley fails to make up for the deficiencies of Roland in that Hugley discloses only the general concept of a pop-up dialogue box. Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 5 is therefore not obvious in view of Roland and Hugley.

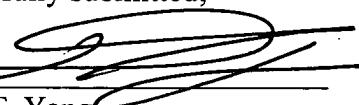
New Claims 7 and 8 have been added to claim additional aspects of the present invention, and are respectfully submitted as in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no.393032044200. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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